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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO SUPPORT FOR HUMAN AND TRADE UNION RIGHTS
IN NICARAGUA

REF: CARACAS 8484

1. AFL-CIO SENT FOLLOWING CABLE TO CUS SEC GEN: SEPTEMBER
11, 1978, LUIS MEDRANO, GENERAL SECRETARY, CONFEDERACION
UNITARIA SINDICAL, MANAGUA NICARAGUA. THE AFL-CIO REITERATES
ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNIONISTS
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AFFILIATED WITH CUS IN THEIR LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE TO OBTAIN
ALL UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED TRADE UNION AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO
WHICH THEY ARE JUSTIFIABLY ENTITLED STOP WE ARE OFFICIALLY
REQUESTING ORIT TO SEND A FACT FINDING MISSION TO
NICARAGUA TO DETERMINE VIOLATIONS OF TRADE UNION FREEDOMS
AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE ACTION
STOP IN ADDITION WE WILL CONSIDER ASSISTANCE TO THE

FAMILIES OF THREATENED TRADE UNION LEADERS. GEORGE MEANY
UNQUOTE.

2. RELATED CABLES WERE SENT TO JUAN JOSE DEL PINO, SEC GEN
OF ORIT, AND JOSE VARGAS, SEC GEN OF CTV: QUOTE: SEPTEMBER
11, 1978, JUAN JOSE DEL PINO, ORIT MEX, MEXICO. THE AFL-CIO
URGES ORIT TO IMMEDIATELY SEND AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO

NICARAGUA TO EVALUATE THE TRADE UNION SITUATION AND
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF TRADE UNION AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN
ORDER TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE INTERAMERICAN SOLIDARITY
ACTION. GEORGE MEANY

QUOTE SEPTEMBER 11, 1978, JOSE VARGAS, CETEVE, CARACAS
VENEZUELA. AFL-CIO TODAY ISSUED STRONG STATEMENT SUPPORT
CUS AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES NICARAGUA STOP ADDITIONALLY
REQUESTED ORIT IMMEDIATELY SEND FACT FINDING MISSION TO
NICARAGUA TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS OF TRADE UNION AND
HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINE AND RECOMMEND TO
ALL ORIT AFFILIATES APPROPRIATE INTERAMERICAN ACTION FOR
RESTORATION OF VIABLE TRADE UNION DEMOCRACY. ERNEST LEE"

3. COMMENT: AFL-CIO PLEDGE OF SOLIDARITY AND POSSIBLE
ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES OF LABOR LEADERS, PLUS CALL FOR
FACT-FINDING MISSION OF ORIT AS BASIS FOR ANY FURTHER
ACTION AND FRAMING OF ISSUE AS ONE OF LABOR FREEDOM
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RATHER THAN LEGITIMACY OF SOMOZA GOVERNMENT, REFLECT
CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE OF AFL-CIO TOWARD COMPLEX SITUATION AND
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY FALL SHORT OF NICARAGUAN CUS AND
VENEZUELAN CTV EXPECTATIONS. CTV HAS REQUESTED AFL-CIO
SUPPORT FOR BOYCOTT OF PETROLEUM SHIPMENTS TO NICARAGUA.

4. FYI AND AS BACKGROUND, DEPARTMENT NEITHER INSTIGATED
THESE CABLES NOR WAS IT CONSULTED PRIOR TO
THEIR TRANSMISSION. CHRISTOPHER

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